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A's Place Wuertz on the Disabled List; Recall Blevins from Sacramento

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have placed right-handed pitcher Michael Wuertz on the 15-day disabled list with right thumb tendinitis and recalled left-handed pitcher Jerry Blevins from Triple-A Sacramento, the club announced today.

Wuertz had a 4.88 ERA and .239 opponents batting average in 34 relief appearances with the A's. He posted a 2.67 ERA and .196 opponents average before the All-Star Break but has allowed nine runs on nine hits and eight walks in 4.1 innings since the break for an 18.69 ERA and .450 opponents average. This is Wuertz' second stint on the DL this year as he was also out from April 2 to 24 with a strained left hamstring.

Blevins joins the A's for the fourth time this year and has a 3.86 ERA in 16 relief appearances. He was on the A's Opening Day roster and had a 4.61 ERA in 14 appearances before he was optioned to Sacramento May 11. Blevins pitched just once during each of his next two stints from May 20 to 23 and July 16 to 19 and did not allow an earned run in 2.2 innings over that span. He is 2-0 with a 5.01 ERA and .239 opponents batting average in 20 relief appearances with Sacramento. Blevins appeared in four games with the River Cats following his last option July 20 (4.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 4 so).

The complete 2011 statistics for Blevins follow:

BLEVINS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
OAKLAND	0	0	3.86	16	0	0	0	0	16.1	15	12	7	14	15
Sacramento (AAA)	2	0	5.01	20	0	0	0	0	23.1	21	13	13	6	27

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